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PROBABLE SS-X-25 LAUNCH ACTIVITY
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 23, USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE ORIGIN OF THE PROBABLE SS-X-25 LAUNCH FROM
 PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE (LTS) 23 IS UNDETERMINED. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE LAUNCH OF AN
 SS-X-25 (DEFSMAC S/DQ/688-83) PROBABLY CAME FROM PLESETSK
 ICBM LTS 23. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF
 THE LAUNCH OCCURRED FROM THE SILO, THE SILO APRON, OR THE
 SINGLE-BAY GARAGE (SBG). THE DARKENED AREA PREVIOUSLY
 REPORTED AS A POSSIBLE BLAST MARK (NPIC EVENING HIGHLIGHT
 REPORT 83-1003 ITEM 1) HAS BEEN
 REASSESSED TO BE THE RESULT OF FACTORS UNRELATED TO THE
 LAUNCH OF A MISSILE. (SWN)

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ON PRELAUNCH IMAGERY
 CANVAS/NET-COVERED EQUIPMENT WAS ON THE APRON NEXT TO THE SBG
 AND POSITIONED ON ALIGNMENT MARKS WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENT
 SINCE AT LEAST THE CANVAS/NET WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO
 COVER A MOBILE MISSILE LAUNCHER AND POSSIBLY OTHER VEHICLES
 AS WELL. THE LTS 23 SILO WAS OPEN AND APPEARED EMPTY AND THE
 SILO AT COLLOCATED LTS 24 WAS CLOSED. NO
 ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE SBG. (SWN)

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ON POSTLAUNCH IMAGERY (GRAPHIC 2), THE
 CANVAS/NET-COVERED EQUIPMENT WAS NO LONGER PRESENT AND THE
 ALIGNMENT MARKS ON WHICH THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN POSITIONED
 WERE VISIBLE. THE SILOS AT LTS 23 AND 24 WERE OPEN AND
 APPEARED EMPTY. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE SBG. THE
 GROUND IMMEDIATELY NORTHEAST OF THE LTS 23 SILO APPEARED
 DARKER THAN IT HAD APPEARED HOWEVER,
 IMAGERY ENHANCEMENT TECHNIQUES REVEALED THAT THE ENTIRE IMAGE
 WAS DARKER THAN THE TWO PRECEDING COVERAGES AND
 THAT THE AREA NEXT TO THE SILO WAS NO DARKER THAN OTHER AREAS
 AROUND THE SITE. THE DARKENED AREA APPARENT ON WAS
 PROBABLY DUE TO FACTORS RELATED TO THE IMAGING SYSTEM OR
 LOCAL CONDITIONS SUCH AS MOISTURE CONTENT OF THE SOIL RATHER
 THAN DUE TO RESIDUALS FROM A MISSILE LAUNCH. IN ADDITION, AN
 EARLIER SS-X-25 FIRING FROM THIS LAUNCH SITE

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(DEFSMAC S/DQ/098-83) LEFT A POCK-MARKED PATTERN IN THE SNOW,
BUT DID NOT LEAVE A DARKENED AREA AROUND THE SILO. (TSR)

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